

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. (Original) A mirror mounting assembly for mounting a mirror on a vehicle bulkhead, comprising:

a mirror element;

a main support arm having a first end and a second end, the mirror element being connected to the first end of the main support arm, the second end of the main support arm being mountable to the vehicle;

at least one bracket configured to conform to an engine bay sidewall of the vehicle, the bracket having a vertical portion and a laterally extending flange that extends at an angle from the vertical portion, the flange of the bracket being connectable to the bulkhead of the vehicle in the engine bay; and

a first additional support arm having a first end connected to the bracket and a second end connected to the main support arm.

2. (Original) A mirror mounting assembly as in claim 1, wherein the main support arm has two legs that are at an angle to one another, one leg being connected to the mirror element and another leg being connectable to the vehicle.

3. (Original) A mirror mounting assembly as in claim 2, wherein the second end of the main support arm is connected to a second one of the brackets.

4. (Original) A mirror mounting assembly as in claim 1, wherein the vertical portion of the bracket extends between adjacent body panels of the vehicle.

5. (Original) A mirror mounting assembly for mounting a mirror on a vehicle bulkhead, comprising:

a mirror element;

a main support arm having a first end and a second end, the mirror element being connected to the first end of the main support arm, the second end of the main support arm being mountable to the vehicle;

a pair of brackets configured to conform to an engine bay sidewall of the vehicle, each bracket having a center portion and two laterally extending flanges that extend at an angle from the center portion in opposite directions, one of the flanges of each bracket being connectable to the bulkhead of the vehicle in the engine bay;

a first additional support arm having a first end connected to a first one of the brackets and a second end connected to the main support arm;

a second additional support arm having a first end connected to the main support arm and a second end connectable to the vehicle; and

a third additional support arm having a first end connected to the main support arm and a second end connectable to the vehicle.

6. (Original) A mirror mounting assembly as in claim 5, wherein the main support arm has two legs that are at an angle to one another, one leg being connected to the mirror element and another leg being connectable to the vehicle.

7. (Original) A mirror mounting assembly as in claim 6, wherein the second end of the main support arm is connected to a second one of the brackets.

8. (Original) A mirror mounting assembly as in claim 7, wherein the first end of the third additional support arm is connected to the leg of the main support arm on which the mirror element is mounted, the second end of the first additional support arm being connected to the main support arm in a connection region between the two legs.

9. (Original) A mirror mounting assembly as in claim 8, wherein the first end of the second additional support arm is connected to the leg of the main support arm that is connectable to the vehicle.

10. (Original) A mirror mounting assembly as in claim 5, wherein the flanges are at an angle of about 90° to the center portion of the bracket.

11. (Original) A mirror mounting assembly as in claim 5, wherein the flanges are at an angle of greater than 90° to the center portion of the bracket.

12. (Original) A mirror mounting assembly as in claim 5, wherein the brackets are configured to be fittable between a wall of the engine bay and a closed hood of the vehicle.

13. (Original) A mirror mounting assembly as in claim 6, further comprising a fourth additional support arm having a first end connectable to the main support arm in a region of the first end of the main support arm, and a second end connected to the main support arm in a region of the second end of the main support arm.

14. (Original) A mirror mounting assembly as in claim 13, wherein the second end of the second additional support arm is connected to a second one of the brackets, and the first end is connected to a connection region between the two legs of the main support arm.

15. (Original) A mirror mounting assembly as in claim 14, wherein the second end of the third additional support arm is connected to the second bracket and the first end is connected to the main support arm in a region of the first end of the main support arm.

16. (Original) A mirror mounting assembly as in claim 5, and further comprising a clip bracket mounted to the second end of the main support arm, the clip bracket being configured to securely engage around a lip of a wheel well of the vehicle.

17. (Original) A mirror mounting assembly as in claim 5, and further comprising a wheel-well bracket configured so as to be mountable to a wall of the vehicle inside the wheel-well without interfering with a wheel of the vehicle, the wheel-well bracket having an end that extends from the wheel-well and is connected to the second end of the main support arm.

18. (Original) A mirror mounting assembly as in claim 5, and further comprising a mounting bracket on the second end of the main support arm.

19. (Original) A mirror mounting assembly as in claim 1, wherein the lateral flange of the bracket is a first flange that has a width substantially larger than its length, the bracket having a second lateral flange extending from the vertical portion in a direction opposite the first lateral flange, the second lateral flange having a width smaller than the width of the first lateral flange.

20. (Original) A mirror mounting assembly as in claim 19, and further comprising an inverted substantially L-shaped support member having a short leg and a long leg, the short leg being connected to the second lateral flange of the bracket, the main support arm and the first additional support arm being connected to the support member.

21. (Original) A mirror mounting assembly as in claim 20, wherein the main support arm and the first additional support arm are connected to the support member so as to be pivotable about a vertical axis.

22. A mirror mounting assembly as in claim 20, wherein the legs of the support member and a transition region between the legs of the support member are configured so as to have a contour that substantially conforms to a fender contour of the vehicle.